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**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Cc:** Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun; Hestmark, Martin; Piggott, Amelia; Wharton, Steve  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Lisa

Attached are R8 Denver responses to the AP questions below. They have been developed by Steve Wharton, Amelia Piggott and me. Lisa I understand you will send them to the JIC. Thanks.

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:11 PM

**To:** Stavnes, Sandra

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Sandy"

Lisa M-V thought you might be able to address the questions below from Associated Press. The HQ EOC needs a response from R8 ASAP.

Is this something you can prepare and, if not, to whom should I redirect?

Thanks,

Laura Jenkins

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:00 PM

**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn

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Sorry – I thought Rich might respond to this.

I think Sandy Stavnes is best.

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION REQUIRED - AP Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Lisa:

HQ EOC just called and wants to know the status of our responses. If you can give me some folks to reach out to for responses, I'm happy to follow-up. Who in SF can I work with on responses or would you prefer to handle this one?

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** Rich Mylott ([Mylott.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov)); Lisa McClain-Vanderpool ([Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov](mailto:Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov))  
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Rich and Lisa:

Several Qs from AP were routed to us from the EOC. How do you want to answer response development?

Laura

1) Had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

4) Was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5) It's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha **On Behalf Of** EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:22 AM  
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Subject:** Fw: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hi All,

Please see note below. Could you all work on 1, 4, and the first part of 5? Thanks!

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:17 PM  
**To:** EOC Technical Specialist  
**Cc:** Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana  
**Subject:** Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Thanks! I will send those on to the region.

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**From:** Dreyfus, Melissa G. on behalf of EOC Technical Specialist  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:14 PM  
**To:** EOC Public Information  
**Cc:** Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne; Stalcup, Dana  
**Subject:** Re: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hello,

We believe questions #1 and 4 would be best answered by Region 8, as well as the first part of #5. OSRTI will work on #2, 3 and 5b.

Thanks

Melissa

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**From:** Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:30 PM  
**To:** EOC Technical Specialist  
**Subject:** Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

Hi,

These are a subset of questions from Associated Press re: Superfund and the spill. Thanks!

- 1) --had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?
- 2) --how many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get a list of those or is there a way to search on the Superfund website?
- 3)--is there a gauge of how often resistance to a Superfund designation by local officials has prevented a site's listing?
- 4)-was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?
- 5)--it's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas. Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?